

Safety Havens Give Kids Emergency Help

Kings Mountain's first Safety Haven, a home where a child can go to during an emergency, is the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joel Jenkins on Hillside Drive. Dr. Jenkins is pastor of First Baptist Church.

Barbara Jenkins received from the Pioneer Girl Scout Council Friday a Safety Haven Kit, one of many which have been prepared by local and area Scouts, which include first aid supplies, tissues, sterile pads, tape, an-

tiseptic ointment, bandaids, tapes and tweezers and enclosed in a "butter tub" with emergency police, fire, and school telephone numbers inside the lid. An identifying symbol on the door of the house lets a child walking home from school know that the house offers him a refuge in event of an emergency.

them with cash, candy or drugs; a stranger exposed himself; a stranger tries to get them in a car against their will; they go home from school and find the house has been broken into; they see

anything out of the ordinary that alarms them.

Safety Haven is a free service to Kings Mountain students sponsored by the Kings Mountain PTA's and the Pioneer Girl Scout Council

to provide emergency help to students as they travel between their homes and schools and while at play. To become involved in this program call your child's school or Pioneer Girl Scout Council at 864-3245.



SAFETY HAVEN—Mrs. Joel Jenkins receives her Safety Haven Kit officially launching the Safety Haven Home program in Kings Mountain from Shannon Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis, a member of Girl Scout Troop 40. Girl Scouts in the area assembled the safety kits this summer after approval by the KM Board of Education to conduct the PTA and Pioneer Girl Scout Council project which gives children a "haven" during emergencies occurring as they walk to and from school.

The Kings Mountain Board of Education approved the program in Kings Mountain last October at the request of Sandy Thomas of the Pioneer Girl Scout Council and Debbie Mauney, 1985 Vice President of West School PTA. Children in the participating schools were shown a film on home safety and introduced to the Safety Haven logo. Parents were then canvassed as to who would be willing and acceptable to serve as Safety Haven Homes. Mrs. Mauney said that anyone interested in serving as a Safety Haven Home for children walking to and from school during the school months can contact her for additional information.

Safety Havens are usually homes or businesses where children can go to get emergency assistance - from bandaging of a skinned knee to shelter from an abductor.

Goal of Safety Havens is to deter crimes against children and providing a climate of physical and emotional security for them, said Mrs. Mauney. The program, not only involves providing places of refuge, but also educates both children and parents about potentially dangerous situations.

Not every one qualifies for a Safety Haven Home, according to Mrs. Mauney, who gave this description of a Safety Haven Volunteer.

You must have a telephone in your home or business.

You are to report all suspicious incidents to the Police. Police should be called in extreme emergencies.

Threats to a child or exhibitionist should be reported to the Police.

All items reported to the Police should be reported to your school's Safety Haven Chairman. The Chairman reports to the school.

If you observe children out of school during regular school hours, report this to the school's secretary.

Try to handle all situations, without taking children into the home. This is for your protection as well as the child's.

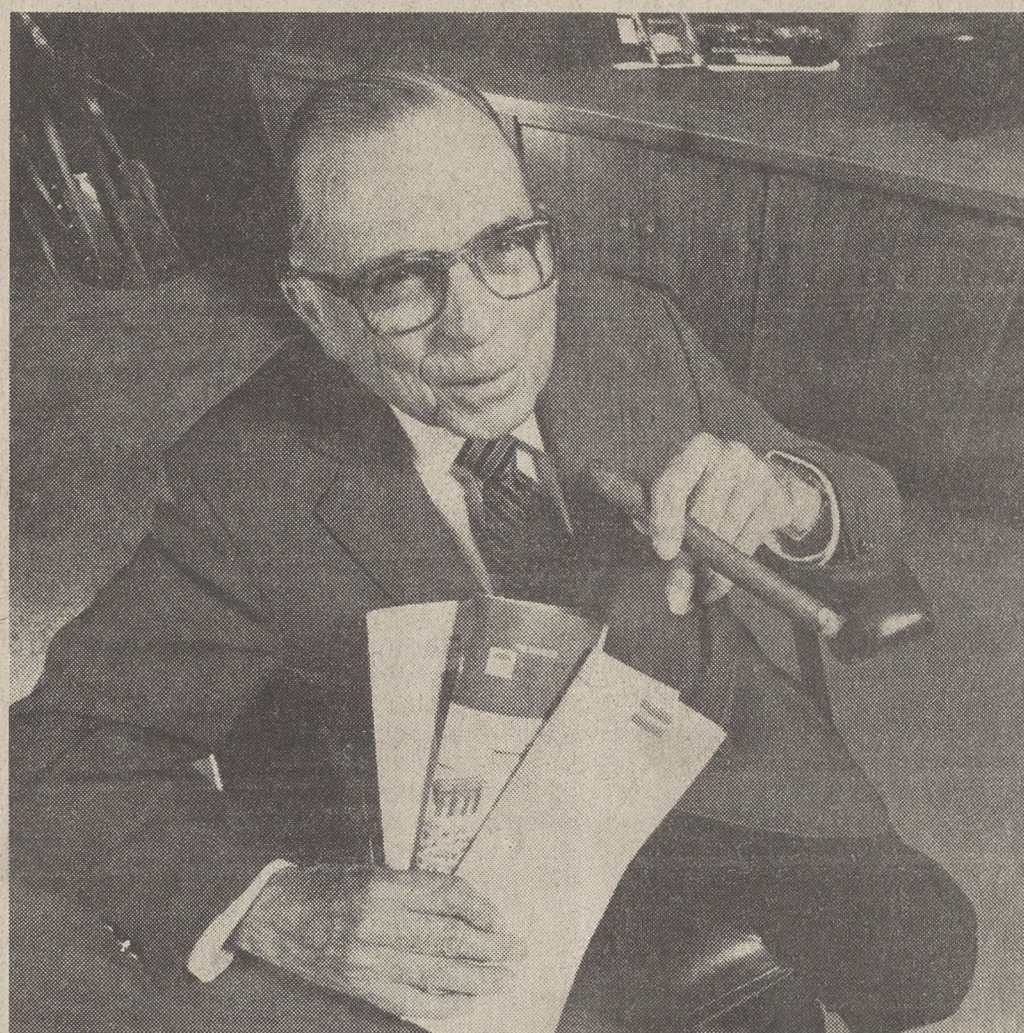
If you are unable to give this service during school vacation time, display the logo in your window when you are home.

Only simple first aid may be administered. Girl Scouts have made and donated a first aid kit for this purpose. Do not give any medication that is to be taken internally such as: aspirin, nose drops, eyedrops.

The American Red Cross has provided you with first aid information.

If a child reports an attempted or actual assault to you, do not upset the child. DO: Report by attempting to call the child's parents--if it is not a life threatening emergency--before calling the police; Listen to what the child says; Accept what the child says as the truth; Remember what the child told you and inform the child's parents and/or the police; While waiting for police and parents, comfort the child; Remember to report to your school's Safety Haven Chairman; Do not discuss any event that occurs concerning a child with anyone other than the parents, the police, and the school's Safety Haven Chairman. You must protect the child's right to privacy!

Mrs. Mauney said children should go to the nearest Safety Haven if the following circumstances should occur: they get injured; they become lost; they become sick; they are attacked or chased by a dog; they are bullied by other children; they see someone unfamiliar hanging around their school; a stranger tries to entice



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